

We Love the Friends of the Roseburg Library
Kris Wiley for The News-Review

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to share our love for the Friends of the Roseburg Public Library.

The Friends have been with us every step of the way since we opened our doors in December 2018 with their advocacy, encouragement and support.

That support includes donations that fund everything from public speakers to craft kits to the library's reading programs.

Because of the Friends' generosity, we provide amazing grand prizes for participating in the Summer Reading Program. This year, we will give away four yearlong family memberships to the YMCA of Douglas County – three for youth and one for adult readers.

We are able to do that because just last week the Friends presented us with a check for \$6500 from their book-selling efforts during the final quarter of 2024 – the most money raised in their history. In 2024, they raised more than \$23,000 for the library.

The Friends' funding accrued through the herculean efforts of folks who regularly share their time and talent.

Volunteers sort every book that is donated to the library and determine where it should be sold.

Most books are available at the Friends of the Library's quarterly book sales. The upcoming event, Thursday, Feb. 27 through Saturday, March 1, will be a bargain book sale featuring gently used books, including library withdrawals. Most books will be priced at 50 cents Thursday and Friday, and all books will be free Saturday. The Friends accept payment by cash or check only.

Sale hours will be 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

Leftovers from the sale will be moved to the Friends Book Store inside the library and will remain free. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Some of the donated books are sold on the Friends' Amazon seller page. Volunteers list items with higher values, and a volunteer packages and drops off sold items to the Post Office for shipping.

If you are interested in helping the Friends support literacy and learning at the public library, there are things you can do to make a difference.

- Donate gently used books, music and books on CD and DVDs. Drop them off at the front desk during library hours, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
- Volunteer at the quarterly book sales by setting up, tearing down or staffing during the event. Email the Friends at friendsroseburglibrary@gmail.com to sign up.
- Donate to and tell your friends and family about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a free book-gifting program for children from birth to fifth birthday. As the local program partner, the Friends must raise funds to make the program possible in our community. Nearly all zip codes in Oregon are covered by a local program partner. Parents and caregivers may register for the program at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>.

Huge thanks to the Friends of the Roseburg Public Library. We couldn't do all we do without you!

Next week's library events

Tuesday, February 18, 10:15 a.m. – Lap-Sit Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, February 19, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, February 19, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer hours

Thursday, February 20, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, February 20, 4-5 p.m. – STEAM activity for elementary students: LED circuits